

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

Re: Commission Seeks Public Comment in 2012 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations, CG Docket No. 13-29, EB Docket No. 13-35, IB Docket No. 13-30, ET Docket No. 13-36, PS Docket No. 13-31, WC Docket No. 13-33, Public Notice.

I support the Commission's effort to commence its next biennial review of our Nation's telecommunications regulations, an exercise mandated by Congress.¹ As this next round begins, I am pleased that we are providing more certainty to the public as to when and how the Commission will proceed in proposing to repeal any unnecessary regulations that are identified during this review.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 161.